Kurnool district, that a demonstrator who can examine the current processes of the dyeing of yarns for cotton carpets and teach methods by which the quality can be improved without raising the cost of production would be of great service--

(a) whether the Government have considered the suggestion contained therein ; and

(b) what action they propose to take accordingly.

A.—A practical dyer who was sent to Kurnool and Nandyal has already carried out the necessary demonstration there. The Director of Industries proposes to send another demonstrator to do similar work in Koilkuntla.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"In how many centres did the expert display his skill and how many people attended such displays ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Notice, Sir."

Introduction of narrow tape-weaving in Kurnool and Nandyal.

* 275 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 9 of his report regarding Kurnool district, that it would be a distinct gain to introduce narrow tape-weaving to the Muhammadan and Dudekula communities of Kurnool and Nandyal who are engaged in tape-making—

(a) whether any steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to investigate into the matter ; and

(b) if so, what those steps are ?

A.—The matter was investigated but the proposal was dropped as it was reported that weaving of tape was not a very remunerative occupation and that there was no certainty that small manufacturers would be able to produce tape at economic price and in quantity and quality suited to Government requirements.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know if a report was sent and, if so, whether it will be placed on the table of the House ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Yes, Sir, I will consider."

Free removal of reeds for mat-weaving in Kurnool district.

* 276 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 13 of his report regarding mat-weaving in Kurnool district—

(a) whether the Government have considered his suggestion that the removal of the reeds may be permitted free of charge ; and

(b) if they have, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken on the same ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Director of Industries is corresponding with the Collector of the district in the matter. His report is awaited.